

Regional Realms Answer Key

1. It supports thousands of species, produces oxygen, and helps regulate global climate.
2. They create cooler highland climates, affect rainfall, and shape where farming and cities can develop.
3. They provide fertile land for cattle ranching and agriculture, which supports food production and exports.
4. Ocean access allows countries to trade goods internationally and connect with major global markets.
5. It is one of the driest places on Earth and has landscapes that form under extremely low moisture conditions.
6. These resources encourage economic growth, create jobs, and influence where people settle and build industries.
7. It provides routes for travel, supplies fresh water, and supports communities and wildlife along its banks.
8. Indigenous cultures contribute languages, foods, music, farming methods, and traditions that shape modern life.

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet encourages deeper thinking about South American geography and its major natural systems.
- Use it as a warm up, assessment, or discussion activity for grades 6 to 8.
- Encourage students to cite specific examples from class lessons or maps.

Differentiation Tips

- Provide sentence frames for students who need structured support.
- Offer challenge prompts asking advanced learners to compare two regions or ecosystems.
- Allow visual learners to sketch a quick diagram before writing their response.

Engagement Ideas

- Have students share one response in small groups to spark conversation.
- Hold a short debate on which South American ecosystem is the most important and why.